

26 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. E. W. Pehrson  
Chief, Division of Foreign Activities  
Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior

SUBJECT: Elimination of Supplement V

1. The NIS Committee has directed that maintenance production of Supplement V be discontinued at the end of Fiscal Year 1959, petroleum intelligence thereafter to be produced only in NIS Sections 62 (Fuels and Power). This action was based on several factors including budgetary restrictions, lack of correlation between Supplements V and related Sections 62, and operational requirements which cannot be satisfied by present collection effort and which experience indicates are unnecessary for NIS purposes.

2. No change in the number of Sections 62 prepared each year is planned. For those NIS Areas on which Supplements V previously were produced, Subsection C of Section 62 will be prepared to provide comparable coverage. Effort will be made to schedule two petroleum-significant NIS Areas for Section 62 production each year.

3. In view of the reduced workload resulting from this change, a decrease in the number of supported positions in the Petroleum unit will be required in line with our agreements reached at meetings on 13 and 25 March 1959. Depending on the availability of funds, it is my intention to extend support at the current position level through the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1960 to provide for a reasonable period in which to effect necessary changes.

4. I am confident that these changes will bring about a further improvement in the production of petroleum intelligence in the National Intelligence Survey. I know I can count on your full support and cooperation in this undertaking.

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